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| Appln. No.: 10/673,516 |) | Examiner: Bumsuk Won |
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| For: LIGHT EMITTING DIODE AND |) | |
| BLACK LIGHT UNIT |) | |

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Sir:

Applicants comment below on the examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. First, however, applicants have not received a Reply to their Communication filed September 22, 2006, requesting an examiner initialed copy of the form SB/08A, part of applicants' IDS filed February 21, 2006. Please provide applicants with such an examiner initialed copy.

Now, as regards the examiner's reasons for allowance, applicants believe that the Statement should be amended to read as follows (underlined words being added; struck through words being deleted):

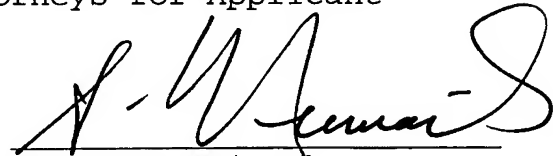
Regarding independent claim 11, the prior art of record does not teach or suggest the invention of a light emitting diode having a light emitting element being mounted on an element substrate at a rear surface thereof, top and bottom light emitting surfaces being shielded by shielding members, and ~~from~~ a front light emitting surface and two sides being translucent to the emitted light of the light emitting element side light emitting surfaces through which light from the light emitting element is emitted, along with other claimed limitations. Claims 12-16 are allowed due to claim dependency.

Applicants believe that the reasons for allowance as proposed to be amended above would more accurately set forth the facts in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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